



Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

Cities often rely on partnerships with outside organizations to provide additional services and to build a stronger community. Habitat for Humanity Valley of the Sun is a non-profit organization that partners with low-income families to provide an affordable, decent place to live. Habitat for Humanity not only provides an important service to families, but also strengthens communities by engaging businesses, hospitals, faith-based organizations and others in the effort to help those who are in need.

The families that are provided services through Habitat for Humanity are carefully selected. The goal is to find families who are in need of affordable housing and willing to work hard toward their new home. A qualifying family pays for their home through “sweat equity” and a zero-interest mortgage loan. Volunteers work side-by-side with the families during most phases of the home’s construction.

Their selection criteria are very effective. Not one Habitat of Humanity Valley of the Sun client has ever foreclosed on their house in the twenty years of the organization’s existence. It is evident that Habitat is able to find hard-working families that appreciate, but do not take advantage of the opportunity that is provided them.

Habitat for Humanity has been an important partner for the City of Glendale. Nearly 30 homes have been built in Glendale through this program. Many of these homes have replaced vacant lots and helped to revitalize some neighborhoods. They have provided Glendale families the chance to achieve the American dream of home ownership.

Habitat for Humanity is always in need of volunteers and sponsors. Visit their website at www.habitataz.org for more information and to find out how you can get involved.

Thank you taking the time to read my “Glendale Bulletins”. Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.

